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SUBJ: BOTSWANA BREAKS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE FROM GOB EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECTION CONCERNING BOTSWANA SEVERING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. THE STATEMENT WAS RELEASED ON THE AFTERNOON OF 13 NOVEMBER. BEGIN TEXT: THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HAS DECIDED TO SEVER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. FURTHER, THE BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT WILL NOT CONSIDER RESUMING RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ISRAEL WILL HAVE COMPLIED FULLY WITH THE VARIOUS UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND IN PARTICULAR SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242 OF

NOVEMBER 22, 1967.

BOTSWANA RECOGNIZES THE RIGHT OF ISRAEL TO LIVE IN PEACE
WITHIN SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES. AT THE SAME
TIME, THE BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT PEACE CANNOT
COME TO THE MIDDLE EAST UNLESS ISRAEL COMPLIES WITH THE
VARIOUS UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST.
END TEXT.
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